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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR

SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF FRENCH EMBASSY ON EGYPTIAN-  
ISRAELI TALKS

REFERENCE: STATE 310046

1. FRENCH CHARGE BOYER CALLED ON SOBER (NEA) FOR BRIEFING  
ON RECENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS, NOTING PARTICULAR INTEREST  
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO  
PARIS. SOBER DREW ON POINTS IN REFTEL TO GIVE OUR IMPRES-  
SION OF WHERE EVENTS STAND.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, SOBER SAID REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT  
WOULD BE MEETING ASSAD IN RIYADH WERE INACCURATE. ASKED  
ABOUT OUR VIEW OF SYRIAN POSITION, SOBER SAID WE BELIEVED  
SYRIA WISHED TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH  
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USG AND WAS NOT CLOSING DOOR TO A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE  
SETTLEMENT ALTHOUGH IT WAS HARSHLY NEGATIVE TOWARD THE  
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS. BOYER AGREED THAT SYRIANS HAD BEEN  
CAREFUL NOT TO CLOSE DOOR ON A BROAD PEACE SETTLEMENT.  
ASKED ABOUT MOSCOW'S ATTITUDE, SOBER CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS  
WERE STRONGLY NEGATIVE ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI INITIATIVES AND  
HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF ALLEGED AMERICAN ROLE IN THAT CONNEC-

TION. HE ADDED THAT WE REMAINED IN CONTACT WITH SOVIETS

ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS.

3. BOYER ASKED TO BE BRIEFED ON ANY FURTHER NEW DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN PARIS. SOBER SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MORE FULLY WITH GISCARD, AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT EMBASSY INTEREST IN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT.  
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